

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claim 1 have been amended. Claims 1-16 are pending and under consideration. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed, and at paragraph [0021] of the specification. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The Applicants submit the following summary of the telephone interview that took place March 13, 2006 between the undersigned representative of the Applicants and the Examiner.

Telephone Conference:

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the many courtesies extended to the undersigned representative of the Applicants during the telephone interview that took place March 13, 2006.

Among the issues discussed during that interview were the objections and rejection in the subject Office Action, as well as the Examiner's kind suggestions for responding to them. During the interview, the Examiner informed the undersigned that the amendments he offered were suggestions, and that he would be willing to consider the Applicants' suggestions to move the case along. The Examiner acknowledged, on his own, that the Applicants might choose their own words. The Examiner, rather, seems to desire statements on the record in response to his questions. The Applicants amendments and statements appear herein. If any further issues remain upon receipt of this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative of the Applicants again to discuss them further.

Objections to the Specification:

The Specification has been objected to for various informalities. Appropriate corrections were made. A substitute specification is attached. No new matter has been added. The specification is believed to conform to 37 C.F.R. §1.52 (a) and (b) with respect to, inter alia idiomatic English.

With respect to the assertion at page 2 that the terminology is different from that which is generally accepted in the art, it is generally permissible for an Applicant to be their own lexicographer. Indeed, it would be difficult to provide any advance over accepted technology without deviating in some way from that which is known already. New concepts require new words. Old concepts, in contrast, are unpatentable by definition, so no patent would be applied

for in any case.

With respect to the assertion at the top of page 3 of the Office Action that the statement that printing navigation buttons will reduce the density of information on the printed page is inaccurate, the navigation buttons are not the information, but are, rather, extraneous to the information. Adding navigation buttons to the rest of the items on the printed page, therefore, ought to *reduce* the overall density of the information on the average, since more of the items on the page will be non-information. The statement is thus believed to be accurate.

With respect to the assertion at the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action that the applicant must use terms in a consistent manner, using synonyms such as HTML file and main file is submitted to be consistent with application drafting standards. Synonyms of various words are often used in the interest of full disclosure, as well as generality.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the proposed amendment provided by the Examiner for the Background section of the specification. Similar amendments to the Background are provided herein.

Withdrawal of the objections is earnestly solicited.

Objections to the Claims:

Claims 1-16 were objected to for various informalities. With respect to the assertion that the claims comprise idiomatic errors in the English language and are worded confusingly, the Applicants request respectfully that specific instances of idiomatic errors or confusing wording be cited so that the Applicants might, in good faith, address them. The Applicants also request some support for the assertion at page 6 of the Office Action that claims must read easily for, and be understood easily by, a person whose native language is English. To the contrary, according to 35 U.S.C. § 112, claims must only be written "in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same," which is submitted to be the case here. Claims 1-16 are believed to meet the requirements of U.S. claim drafting practice. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly solicited.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 1 was amended to make them more definite. In particular, the fourth clause of claim 1 now recites, "dividing the document file into item units and generating the document structure in

accordance with the analyzed document structure," which is described, inter alia at paragraph [0021] of the specification. With respect to the questions at page 7 of the Office Action, claim 1 does recite, for example, "means for deleting," "means for dividing," and "means for generating." Withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of all claims 1-16 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

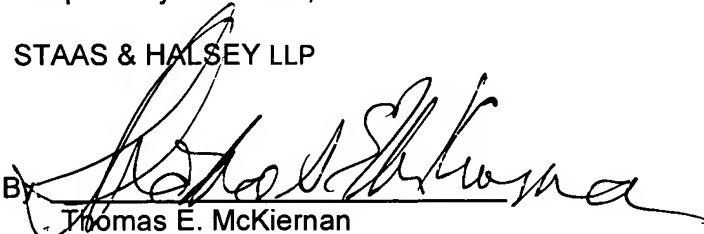
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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